

2. In a chat with Mr. Smart, Chief Clerk of the House Armed Services Committee, I told him of the interest of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in establishing a Joint Committee on Intelligence. Mr. Smart told me that he had discussed the subject a short while before with Chairman Vinson, who informed Mr. Smart that he was unalterably opposed to a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence, that he had so informed Speaker Rayburn, that the Speaker was also opposed and did not propose to let the bill come out of the Rules Committee. The Chairman is thinking in terms of having a first meeting of his subcommittee with CIA sometime during the week of 31 January. The comments in this item are for the confidential information of the DCI.

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